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SEOUL BUREAU



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Seoul Bureau - August 1985

I. GENERAL

1. On 1 September, after negotiations with Headquarters and careful planning within the Bureau, the midnight shift for a monitor and communicator was ended. From now on the Bureau will be closed from 0100-0600 local time. The midnight shift had never been productive, and was a drain on personnel resources. The mid-night monitor and communicator can be better utilized on day and evening shifts with direct access to U.S. staff supervision. The Bureau can reinstitute the mid-night shift during periods of crisis if necessary, and has worked out procedures under which Okinawa Bureau will be able to provide emergency Korean coverage if we are unable to get people to work quickly in the middle of the night.

2. The Embassy has received approval from the Department of State to implement a revision of the local salary schedule, retroactive to 26 May. If implemented as approved, Embassy employees in grades FSN 1 through FSN 7 will receive no salary increase, and those above FSN 7 will receive an increase averaging 7.7 percent. The Embassy has asked that the plan be reconsidered, with a view to granting small increases to employees in lower grades, since those employees have had no salary increase since 1982. The Bureau is now waiting for PMCD to come up with an appropriate salary schedule for our FBN employees.

II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. After working-level contacts were held in Panmunjom on 22-23 August, on the 26th a large ROK Red Cross delegation traveled to Pyongyang for full-scale talks. Just as things looked promising for formal agreement on exchanges of home-visiting groups and art troupes in North and South, the ROK delegation walked out of a militaristic propaganda display at Pyongyang's main stadium. Negotiations bogged down amid DPRK charges of ROK-U.S. perfidy, and the only thing agreed on was that the talks would be resumed later. The working-level contacts, the Pyongyang meetings, and the walkout aftermath generated a large volume of reportage from both sides.

2. Not all surprises for the month occurred in the North. In Seoul since July the government has been cracking down on opposition groups, particularly radical students and labor organizations, and the government and ruling DJP had made extensive and well-publicized preparations to ram through a very controversial "Campus Stalibliblization Bill" at a special session of the National Assembly. But on 17 August President Chon abruptly withdrew the bill, responding to strong opposition to it. The DJP "letter of resolution" concerning the bill insisted that withdrawal of the bill was not a "retreat", and that Chon had not had a change of heart.

3. The clandestine radio "Voice of the RPR," which purports to be the voice of underground revolutionaries in the South and which has been broadcasting under this name since 1970, on 8 August announced that the radio was changing its name to "Voice of National Salvation." The name change reflected the change in the party's name, from "Revolutionary Party for Reunification" to the "South Korean National Democratic Front," announced in a Party declaration broadcast by the radio the same day. The declaration outlined a change in strategy to that of a "mass struggle" by people in the South and called for intensified efforts to oust the Americans. However, despite the name change, virtually all programming and content of the broadcasts remain the same.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

STAT Korean monitor [] has accepted a job in the USIS Cultural Affairs Section, and will be transferring from FBIS effective 15 September. The Bureau has tentatively selected a replacement, and employment processing should begin shortly. STAT [] has served as the Bureau's part-time cruising officer, so we will also be selecting a replacement cruiser and arrange training by the Okinawa Bureau staff cruising officer.

IV. VISITS

STAT CRW training officer [] arrived on 1 September, to provide STAT selected Bureau employees with extensive training in the use of IBM Personal Computers. [] leaves on the 14th for Okinawa.

STAT []
Chief, Seoul Bureau

Attachment

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

SEOUL BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR August, 1985I. TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	726,900
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	148,680
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,812

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	13,265 min	5,310 min	104 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

CHINA (PRC)

Beijing in

Korean to Korea

700

Beijing City Service in

Mandarin

600

Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in

Mandarin

14,320

Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in

Mandarin

20,370

Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in

Mandarin

11,620

Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in

Mandarin

18,600

Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in

Mandarin

14,300

Shijiazhuang Hebei Provincial Service in

Mandarin

5,550

Tianjin City Service in

Mandarin

5,950

Beijing BEIJING RIBAO in

Chinese

3,990

Changchun JILIN RIBAO in

Chinese

1,400

Harbin HEILONGJIANG RIBAO in

Chinese

6,820

Hohhot NEIMENGGU RIBAO in

Chinese

5,250

Jinan DAZHONG RIBAO in

Chinese

4,420

Shenyang LIAONING RIBAO IN

Chinese

5,110

Shijiazhuang HEBEI RIBAO in

Chinese

15,800

Tianjin TIANJIN RIBAO IN

Chinese

11,550

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of National Salvation in

Korean to South Korea

25,350

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	182,310		
Pyongyang Domestic Television Service in Korean	3,000		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		170,310	
Pyongyang KULLOJA in Korean			9,350
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	20,700		
Seoul YONHAP in English		40,500	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			6,650
Seoul CHUANGANG ILBO in Korean			2,950
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			1,150
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			2,100
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			1,650
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			66,820
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			38,340
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			6,920
Seoul SINTONG-A in Korean			-0-
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Korean to Korea	2,450		